

certain that it is correct and proper. The purpose of the amendment, as I understand it presently, that when we allocate money or appropriate money for salaries and various related items as it affects the employee. That money sometimes doesn't always accrue to employees of the State of Nebraska. As such, that upon occasion is used by certain supervisory personnel and others for the purchase of hardware. What I am attempting to do here is to say very distinctly is that this money appropriated shall be used only for salaries and related benefits, and for no other purpose. I can not make it any more clearer than that. Mr. President, and members of the body I would ask for the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Shirley Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, I rise to support this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Koch to yield to a question if he would please. Senator Koch, could you give an illustration where this has happened where we allocated money for employees but a department head used it for hardware?

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Dworak as you recall when I was offering an amendment on 531 and we were confused in terms of which amendment we were on, I withdrew them. Senator Warner in his discussion said in fact that there had been occasions where a supervisor, when you get down to the end of the fiscal year finds that there are excesses of money that are for salaries and related fringe benefits that he does have, and upon occasion has used this money for the purchase of equipment.

SENATOR DWORAK: Now this money would be referred back to the....

SENATOR KOCH: This money would revert back into the General Fund.

SENATOR DWORAK: Back to the General Fund unless it was used for salaries, thank you.

SENATOR KOCH: Except if it is used for that purpose only.

SENATOR DWORAK: I support this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, a question of Senator Koch. I support the principle but do you really think that this money would go back into general file, or into general funds?

SENATOR KOCH: Well, I think that the Appropriations Committee would be aware of the fact what excesses there are. When you understand that we have an average turn-over rate in state employees of approximately 12% or more annually, you know that there is going to be a certain amount of money that is going to remain because it wasn't used for employees who either from the